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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Milton Hamilton, Sr. and Novelle Rogers Hamilton on the celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, on May 31, 1925, Milton Hamilton and Novelle Rogers were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day, this loving couple have faced life's trials and tribulations as one, basking in the joy and harmony of marital bliss; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hamilton readily credits his beloved wife as the major force behind all of his successful ventures, and their happy and stable marriage truly serves as an inspiration to us all: and

WHEREAS, the Hamiltons' remarkable union has produced two fine children, both of whom are extremely successful in their own right: our colleague, Senator Milton Hamilton, Jr. of Union City and Alice Reid of Parsons; and

WHEREAS, the Hamiltons are lifelong residents of Obion County and are valuable members of the Community Pride community; and

WHEREAS, the Hamiltons have evinced their robust belief in the Lord through their active membership in the Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Church for more than 65 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hamilton, Sr. has compiled an impressive record during his more than 72 total years of dedicated involvement in public education; and

WHEREAS, for 31 years, Mr. Hamilton has served with great acumen and alacrity as a staff member and consultant with the TEA; and

WHEREAS, in the course of his long and distinguished educational career, Mr.

Hamilton, Sr. has excelled as a teacher, truant officer, supervisor, principal, superintendent, legislator and lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, "Milton, Sr.", as he is known fondly across the state, was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1958, and retired six years later after establishing an exemplary legacy of legislative service and accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, his son, Milton Hamilton, Jr., then ran for the seat his father had so capably held, won the election, and has been a valuable member of the General Assembly ever since, serving in the Senate since 1968; and

WHEREAS, Novelle Rogers Hamilton has always been the very epitome of the loving, understanding and compassionate wife and mother; and

WHEREAS, she also distinguished herself as an avid and conscientious participant in civic and community affairs, and when her children attended school, she was vitally involved in the Parent Teacher Association; and

WHEREAS, she served her fellow parishioners at Beech Cumberland Presbyterian as a church pianist for more than 50 years, and she has been very active in the Eastern Star while her husband has been active in the Masons: and

WHEREAS, for seventy remarkable years, the Hamiltons' marriage has stood steadfastly as a testament to the sanctity of family values and has served as a beacon of sanity and perseverance during turbulent times; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that we should pause to honor one of Tennessee's finest couple's on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate Milton and Novelle Hamilton upon the celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for many more years of happiness together.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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